*1095. ]Transferred tothe 28th May,1990]*

**Gauge conversion Project between Lalgarh-Merta road**

1096. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether techno-economic survey of new gauge conversion project between Lalgarh-Merta Road (177 km) has been completed;

(b) the total estimate of this project;

(c) whether the conversion work has been commissioned and the amount spent so far; and

(d) by when this work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Field work of Final Location Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey has been completed.

(b) The budget cost for Lalgarh-Merta Road section is Rs. 126.7 crores.

(c) No, Sir. The work has been approved to be taken up only in the 1990-91 Budget.

(d) Depends on availabilily of funds in the coming years.

**Gauge conversion project between – Viramgam Jodhpur**

1097. SHRI B. L. PANWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether techno-economic survey of new gauge conversion project between viramgam-Jodhpur (436 Km.) has been completed;

(b) the total estimates of this project;

(c) whether the conversion work between commissioned and the amount spent so far ; and

(d) by when this work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Final location surveys are in progress both on Northern and Western Railways.

(b) Rs. 424.49 crores approximately based on preliminary estimates.

(c) and (d) Conversion work is proposed to be taken up during this year. A sum of Rs. 19 crores hss been allocated in 1990-91 Budget. Completion will depend on availability of resources in coming years.

**Direction to Public Sector Undertakings regarding utilisation of Central War-- Housing Corporation facilities**

1098. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHAREE : Will the Ministers of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have issued a circular directing all Public Sector Undertakings to utilise the facilities of Central Warehousing Corporation;

(b) Whether Government are aware of the violation of this instruction by many public undertakings; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Warehousing Corporation had reported that public sector fertiliser companies were hiring capacity from private agencies. The matter was taken up with Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers which reported that except for one company, which was utilising its own storage depots, the remaining fertiliser companies in public and co-operative sectors were utilisihg Central Warehousing Corporation state Warehousing Corporations' and institutional agencies godown space between 52 to 100% for storage of their fertilizer material. The Central Warehousing Corporation has been advised to discuss the matter further with fertilizer companies.

**Import of Sugar**

1099. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Ministsr of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to stats;

(a) how much sugar was imported by Government and at what price and in what quantities in 1989. monthwise;

(b) what were the international prices prevailing on the day on which each of these contracts were signed ; and